

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Ruben et al.

Application Number: to be assigned

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Title: 83 Human Secreted Proteins

Attny. Docket No. PZ012P1C2

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

Prior to the prosecution of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments.

***Amendments***

**In the Specification**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/666,987 filed September 21, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/236,557 filed January 26, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of International patent application Serial No: PCT/US98/15949, filed July 29, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Applications, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety: --

**In the Claims**

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 11.

Please add the following claim:

-- 24. A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polynucleotide of claim 1. --

### **REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to add priority information. The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regard as the invention. Support for new claim 24 can be found throughout the application as filed. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this submission. However, should a fee be due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-3425

Respectfully submitted

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

**In the Specification**

On page 1, the first paragraph has been changed as follows:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/666,984, filed September 21, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/236,557 filed January 26, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of [copending United States] International patent application Serial No: PCT/US98/15949, filed July 29, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Applications, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety:

**In the Claims:**

Claim 17 has been amended as follows:

17. (Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 11 [or the polynucleotide of claim 1].

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**REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

The above-identified patent application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/666,984 filed September 21, 2000, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/236,557, filed January 26, 1999. The sequence listing of the instant application is identical to the sequence content of the computer readable sequence listing filed in connection with application Serial No. 09/236,557, on January 26, 1999.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the computer readable form filed in connection with application Serial No. 09/236,557 as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included in the specification of the instant application filed herewith. Applicants hereby certify that the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith and the computer readable sequence listing filed on January 26, 1999 in connection with application Serial No. 09/236,557 are the same and do not include new matter.

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